

To all Fratres of the Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia
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At the conclusion of each Grade ceremony there is a lecture which should be given but, if time is pressing it is missed out and the candidate is urged to read it at a later date.

Sometimes this is done, sometimes it is ignored and frequently it is forgotten shortly after it has been read which is quite a pity for all these lectures fit together to indicate the subtle realities of the world in which we live and are meant, in part, to illustrate other aspects of those matters which are normally taken for granted or not even thought about.

They should arouse a curiosity about the grade through which the candidate has just passed, and when all are thought about in sequence it is hoped a new concept will be in his mind covering the world, its peoples, religions and philosophies and the underlying mysteries of life itself.

This does of course require contemplation and contemplation requires patience and the desire to know and understand a bit more than one already does. Not everyone wishes to follow this course - *'life is too busy as it is - cannot really be bothered - finished study when I left the education process'* - are all very understandable attitudes in these busy, pressurised days.

However, there are some whose imagination is kindled, those who require to know fuller details and those who are almost compelled to think deeper and thoroughly as if on a quest to find out why, what and how and in so doing discover that life is an unending quest for the sort of knowledge that appeals to the person himself, just as the person of Christian Rosencreutz spent his life in search of the knowledge which lies behind the realities of physical existence.

The Supreme Magus wishes to encourage those who would like to present papers of their own contemplations and studies, be they scientific, philosophical, humanistic, spiritual or any subject of serious interest. To present them in their own colleges first of all and the paper considered to be

the best in each college over the course of the year (ending 31st December) to be sent to their Provincial Chief Adept who, after due consideration by himself and his team, will then forward the best one or two of those received to the Director General of Studies at Stamford Hall, Hampstead where all study papers received will be read and the best two or three authors will have their papers published on the S.R.I.A.web and be presented with the **Companion of Christian Rosencreutz** medal by the Supreme Magus at a High Council meeting.

The Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia does not exist simply to perform ceremonies - it actively encourages , not demands please notice, but encourages, each frater to think about the Society, to consider what it stands for and how it covers the spectrum of intellectual life and thought as was exemplified in the Fama and the Confessio and the frater who continues his studies to present more noteworthy study papers over the course of time will become worthy to receive a **Star of Honour** to be added to the ribbon of his medal, a simple but very distinguished and honourable award, to be worn with justifiable pride.

It is like a huge jigsaw - why not try to simply fit a little piece of the puzzle into the frame - it really does make you think.

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